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Towns and Cities Post Covid

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A blurred photograph of a busy town center street. On the left, a Superdrug store is visible with its logo and a 'SALE' sign in the window. To the left of the store, a green building has a vertical sign that says 'AMUSEMENTS'. The street is filled with many pedestrians, some carrying shopping bags, and a few trees without leaves. In the background, more buildings and a red double-decker bus are visible.

£50m Town Centre Boost Fund

£1m BIDS Recovery Fund

**£2m Towns and BIDs
Resilience & Recovery Fund**

Towns Capital Fund £18m

Scotland Loves Local £1m

**Review and Place Based
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A local focus with a national impact



The Report

The Report was published on Wednesday 3rd February 2021. It can be accessed on the Scottish Government website

A New Future for Scotland's Town Centres – <https://www.gov.scot/ISBN/978-1-80004-636-8>

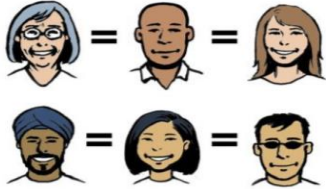
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Additionally, the designed version of the report can be downloaded [here](#), or click on the flip book below.

Our Recommendations



The Review Group has tried to build on the good parts of the Town Centre Action Plan. We have tried to update it based on the new national goals.



We are glad to see that the Scottish Government has made a lot of changes which help communities and town centres to be more inclusive and equal.

We have made three types of recommendations:



Recommendation 1

Towns and town centres need to be an important part of National Planning.



Town Centre Plans need to be made with the local community. The focus should be on the wellbeing of people, the planet and the economy.



Find better ways of gathering information about towns and town centres.



Recommendation 2

Tax and rates should be looked at to make it easier for shops and businesses to stay in town centres.



Cars from out of town should be charged extra for parking. This will help lower the amount of traffic in town centres. This will make town centres easier to access. It will help protect the environment by lowering pollution.

Recommendation 3



The Scottish Government has to make sure funding is available for town centre projects. We recommend that projects should focus on:



a) Town Centre growth with more housing in town centres



b) Give businesses and organisations digital skills



c) Encourage new local small business and community projects

d) Make town centre buildings and spaces easier to get around on foot. Make more green spaces and social settings to help stop climate change.



